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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
Hiroyoshi HIDAKA, et al. : EXAMINER: TIZIO
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/647,924 :
FILED: OCTOBER 31, 2000 : ART UNIT: 1627
TITLE: METHOD FOR IN VIVO DETECTING TARGET PROTEIN GENE BY DRUG

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Communication mailed on February 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

ABSTRACT

Please replace the original Abstract at page 12 with the substitute Abstract appended herewith.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 18 with:

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As the chemical cross linker, Sulfosuccinimidyl-4-(p-maleimidophenyl)butylate (Sulfo-SMPB) was employed. BSA was used as an antigenic substance. The compound